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As described about with respect to the anticipation rejections of claims 1-6, 8, 10-15, 19 and 20, Ames fails to disclose each and every feature of claim 1, from which claims 7, 9, 16, and 17 ultimately depend. Specifically, Ames fails to disclose at least "a processing arrangement ... configured to display at least one characteristic of the vehicle via the display arrangement in accordance with profile information assigned to a selected profile of a plurality of profiles, wherein the selected profile is selectable from the plurality of profiles by the user of the vehicle," as recited in claim 1.

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that claims 7, 9, 16, and 17 are allowable over Ames. Accordingly, it is kindly requested that the rejections of claims 7, 9, 16, and 17 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) be withdrawn.

IV. **CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are currently in allowable condition. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the application, allow the claims and pass this case to issue.

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